

# APPLICATION FOR GRADING PERMIT

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## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO • DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

5201 RUFFIN ROAD, SUITE D • MS-0336

SAN DIEGO, CA 92123-1666

APPLICATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (858) 694-3281 • FAX: (858) 279-7020

Permittee Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

hereby makes application for permit to grade, subject to provisions of Title 8, Division 7, of the San Diego County Regulatory Code of Ordinances. Permit revocable at option of Director, Department of Public Works when necessary.

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Soils Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First

Supervising Engineer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City

Location of Work (Street & City) \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_  
(Portion of : Lot. No. : Map No. : ETC)

Thomas Bros.: Page \_\_\_\_\_ Coords \_\_\_\_\_

APN # \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Use of Graded Site: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Special Condition(s) which are made part of this permit or other permits:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to provide the indemnification as required by Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 8 of the San Diego County Code. I hereby acknowledge that I have read the application and state the information I have provided is correct and agree to comply with all County Ordinances and State Regulations regarding excavating and grading and the provisions and conditions of any permit issued pursuant to this application.

"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements made herein are true and correct."

Signature of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/agent

### FOR COUNTY USE ONLY

#### FUNDS RECEIVED

#### AMOUNT

#### DATE REC'D

Plan Check

Inspection

Struct Plan Check

Struct Inspection

Illegal Grading

Cost Estimate

Bond

Cash Deposit

Health

Related Permits: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Major Plan ☐ Minor Plan

Cubic Yards Cut \_\_\_\_\_

Cubic Yards Fill \_\_\_\_\_

Compacted Fill: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Illegal Grading?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**PLEASE NOTE:** To avoid delay in processing your application, the information you supply below must be **COMPLETE, ACCURATE AND CONSISTENT** with the information on the map and other documents on your application.

APPLICANT — Please complete the following DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-

APPLICANT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_-

ENGINEER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-

ENGINEER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_-

OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-

OWNER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_-

PROJECT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT PARCEL NO \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ TAX RATE AREA \_\_\_\_\_-

PROJECT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

CASE _____	
JURISDICTION <u>C N</u>	REVIEWED BY _____
PROJECT DESCRIPTION _____	USE CLASS _____
COMMUNITY PLAN _____	
SUPERVISOR DISTRICT ____	STATE COASTAL (Y/N) ____
LOTS _____	
PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL UNITS:	
COASTAL SAGE(Y/N) ____	LEGAL LOT(Y/N) ____
INFO NOT AVAIL ____	
HABITAT LOSS PERMIT REQUIRED (Y/N) ____	M.S.C.P. REQUIRED (Y/N) ____
ATTACHED _____	DETACHED _____
MULTI _____	
ZONING	EXISTING _____
PROPOSED _____	
SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS _____	SITE PLAN REQUIRED (Y/N) S# _____

## GRADING PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_

**Right-of-Entry** – Permission is hereby granted to the Department of Public Works of the County of San Diego, or its authorized agents, to enter upon, the undersigned Permittee(s)/Owner(s) property for the sole purpose of inspecting the site for purposes of this grading permit.

**Hold-Harmless** – The undersigned Permittee(s)/Owner(s) further understand(s) and agree(s) to defend, preserve, and save Harmless the County of San Diego and each officer, employee and independent contractor thereof from any liability or responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to persons or property, happening or occurring as the proximate result of any of the entry, inspection or any work performed as a result of such entry and, inspection, and that all of said liabilities are hereby assumed by the Permittee(s)/Owner(s).

Permittee(s)/Owner(s) further agree(s) to protect the County, its officers and employees from all liability or claim because of, or arising out of, the use of any patent or patented article in conjunction with the construction of the repair work required by this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee/Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee/Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee/Owner

**NOTIFICATION OF THREATENED SPECIES LISTING OF THE  
CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER  
UNDER THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973**

On March 25, 1993, the United States Department of the Interior listed the California gnatcatcher as a "threatened species", requiring Federal protection of the songbird under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and all amendments thereto.

Please be informed that the coastal sage scrub and other habitats upon which this species depends is located throughout many areas of San Diego County. It is the responsibility of all persons anticipating development activities in these areas that may adversely affect this species to comply with the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

The Act prohibits anyone from "taking" a gnatcatcher, which includes killing, harming, or harassing the species, or destruction of its habitat. By proposing a Section 4(d) rule under the Act, Secretary Babbitt has indicated his intention to allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to define conditions associated with certain land use activities under which take of a gnatcatcher would not be a violation of the Act. If there is a possibility of the presence of gnatcatchers or gnatcatcher habitat on your property, you are advised to contact the local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for specific advice and information.

**NOTICE**

It is the applicant's responsibility to determine whether the subject property contains a coastal sage scrub plant community. Such a plant community is habitat for the Coastal California gnatcatcher. The Federal Government recently listed the gnatcatcher as a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Section 1531 et seq.). THE LISTING MAY RESULT IN AN APPLICANT'S INABILITY TO PROCEED WITH HIS/HER PROJECT WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF THE SPECIES OR ITS HABITAT ARE PRESENT ON THE PROJECT SITE. It is advisable to contact the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the applicability of the prohibitions under the Act to each applicant's property. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT BY THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE APPLICANT FOR SAID PERMIT TO VIOLATE ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR COUNTY LAWS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS OR POLICIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

I hereby acknowledge by my signature that I have read and understand this notice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor Parcel Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Address



## AGRICULTURAL GRADING PERMIT CEQA REVIEW SCREENING PROCEDURES

### **THE SCREENING PROCESS:**

The Screening Process is used to determine whether or not the project meets the requirements for an Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Following are examples of Exemptions which may be issued:

**15301 – Existing Facilities:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

**15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction:** Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

**15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures:** Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior structure.

**15304 – Minor Alterations to Land:** Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

**RESOURCE PLANNING SCREENING:** In three business days or less Resource Planning staff will determine if the the project:

1. qualifies for a MSCP/Biological Mitigation Ordinance (BMO) exemption. Projects qualify for such an exemption if all requirements below are met:
  - a. The land is not located within the Preapproved Mitigation Area shown on the Wildlife Agencies' Preapproved Mitigation Map, Attachment F.
  - b. The applicant has farmed the land during three of the last five years and intends to retain the land in agriculture for the next five years or the applicant intends to establish an agricultural operation on the particular parcel of land within one year and to retain the land in agriculture for at least ten years.
  - c. The land is not located within a floodplain.

An applicant for an agricultural clearing project meeting these requirements shall provide evidence in writing of the facts that support a - c above. In addition, the number of acres and location of the land for which the exemption is sought shall be provided. As part of the application the applicant shall sign an agreement to maintain the land in agriculture for the applicable holding period set forth in 1.b.

2. is located within a Preapproved Mitigation Area, requiring complete MSCP Findings.
3. will impact groundwater resources in a groundwater dependent area (i.e, areas outside of the County Water Authority service area).
4. requires a Habitat Loss Permit.
5. will impact a Wetland (including Vernal Pools).
6. will impact a Tier 1 or A habitat type.
7. will impact a Floodway/Floodplain and may restrict or substantially modify such Floodway/Floodplain.
8. is located within 1 mile of a State Scenic Highway and may constitute a potential adverse visual effect.
9. is located on a Hazardous Waste Site.
10. if project exceeds the size and scale criteria of the following:
  - The project proposes a structure greater than 2,500 square feet;
  - The project proposes 40 acres or more to be cleared in an area that has been previously legally disturbed (e.g. has been legally cleared in the past for agriculturally related operations through an Agricultural Exemption or a Grading Permit) or the project proposes 20 acres or more to be cleared in an area that has NOT been previously legally disturbed.

If the project exceeds the above criteria, staff will determine if the project can still be considered "minor" per the requirements of the CEQA Exemption to be used. This determination will be based on a project-by-project analysis of the land uses and environmental conditions in the areas surrounding each proposed project.

If Items 2-9 do not apply and, pursuant to Item 10, the size, nature and scale of the project allows the project to meet CEQA Exemption criteria, a CEQA Exemption and the appropriate findings would be prepared. This would complete the CEQA review process.

If any Items 2-9 are affirmed, or pursuant to Item 10, the size, nature and scale of the project does not meet CEQA Exemption criteria, staff will determine if the project was adequately covered by a previously adopted/certified CEQA document. If so, the appropriate findings would be written and the CEQA process would be complete. If the project has not been adequately covered by a previously adopted/certified CEQA document, the following would occur:

- a) If the project design can be modified to meet CEQA Exemption criteria, staff will first contact the applicant and discuss such alternatives. If the applicant makes the necessary project adjustments the project would receive a CEQA Exemption and the CEQA process would be complete.
- b) If project design modifications are not feasible to meet CEQA Exemption criteria, staff will prepare a letter notifying the applicant of the determination that a full environmental review, is necessary. The letter will list the CEQA issues requiring the full review and will also request the applicant to submit an Application for an Environmental Initial Study (AEIS) along with an intake deposit of \$2200 to initiate a full environmental review.

**FULL CEQA REVIEW:** If it is determined through the screening process listed above that a full CEQA review is required, an Application for Environmental Initial Study and deposit of \$2200 will be requested. Depending on the scope of impacts and the adequacy of submitted requested information/studies, a Full Environmental Review, from submittal to hearing date, may be completed within 5 to 18 months and may cost between \$2200 to several thousand dollars. Please keep in mind that this cost estimate is for County review and processing only and does not include the cost of hiring private consultants.



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## Environmental Review Questionnaire For Agriculturally Related Grading Permits

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OWNERS'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

POINT OF CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARCEL SIZE (AC): \_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATE SIZE OF AREA TO BE GRADED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF PAST AGRICULTURAL USE (Within the past 5 years):



PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW PAST AGRICULTURAL USE OF SITE:

PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL USE:

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF EARTH TO BE MOVED: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL ANY FILL BE IMPORTED? \_\_\_\_\_ QUANTITY? \_\_\_\_\_

WILL ANY MATERIAL BE EXPORTED? \_\_\_\_\_ QUANTITY? \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle One*

YES NO Is your project located on a hazardous waste site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code? *Please consult the San Diego County List of Hazardous and/or Substance Sites available at the DPW or Building Counter.*

YES NO Will your project involve the demolition or modification of a structure(s) greater than 50 years in age? (If yes, please supply picture(s) of structure.)

YES NO Will your project disturb an archaeological resource such as rock art, grinding and milling features, or artifacts.

YES NO Will any watercourse or natural swale be affected or will the clearing take place within 200 feet of a watercourse or natural swale?

YES NO Does the project propose 40 acres or more to be graded in an area that has been previously legally disturbed, (e.g. has been legally graded in the past for agriculturally related operations)? If so, please provide evidence such as a permit number or an approved Agricultural Exemption form.

YES NO Does the project propose 20 acres or more to be graded in an area that has NOT been previously legally disturbed?

YES NO Is referral to the Planning and Environmental Review Board required, per § 87.107 of the County Grading Ordinance? (This question must be answered, signed, and stamped from a California Registered Engineer.)

§ 87.107 of the County Grading Ordinance reads as follows:

Prior to the issuance of any grading permit, the Director of Public Works shall refer the application for such permit to the Planning and Environmental Review Board (PERB) for review and recommendation whether the proposed grading could have a significant effect upon the environment; provided, however, such application need not be referred to the Planning and Environmental Review Board (PERB) if any of the following conditions are met:

- (a) A County board, commission or officer having final authority for project approval has adopted an environmental impact report which considered the proposed grading or has determined that the project, which included the proposed grading, would not have a significant effect upon the environment; or
- (b) The proposed grading is on land which at no point has a slope steeper than 10 percent; or the average cut in the cut area does not exceed 3 feet, and the average fill in the fill area does not exceed 3 feet, and there is no cut in excess of 15 feet, and there is no fill in excess of 15 feet (for purposes of the 15 foot requirement, the cut or fill measurement must be taken vertically at the deepest point of the cut or fill to the natural ground surface); or
- (c) The application is for a grading permit for a borrow pit which, on or before May 10, 1973 was authorized as a nonconforming use under the provisions of The Zoning Ordinance or by a major use permit issued pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance; or
- (d) The proposed grading is pursuant to a tentative map of subdivision which has been approved or conditionally approved on or before April 4, 1973.
- (e) The proposed grading is pursuant to a major use permit or site plan and the grading substantially conforms to a grading plan which bears identification as having been considered as a basis for approval of that major use permit or site plan pursuant to Section 7153 or Section 7354 of the Zoning Ordinance.

NOTE: Anything contained in this section [of the County Grading Ordinance] to the contrary notwithstanding, if in the opinion of the Director, Department of Public Works there are unusual conditions with respect to the property for which an application is filed which render an environmental review desirable or necessary, the Director of Public Works shall refer the application to the Planning and Environmental Review Board (PERB) for the aforementioned recommendation. Such unusual conditions may include but are not limited to land located in:

- (a) Waterways
- (b) Wetlands
- (c) Scenic Corridor Zones or other areas officially designated by Federal, State or local governments as scenic areas
- (d) areas of severe geologic hazard

Has your project undergone previous environmental review as part of a previous Subdivision or Use permit? If yes, please supply the associated project name and permit numbers below:

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I hereby certify the above answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_ DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

\*This form should be completed at the time of submittal.

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*FOR STAFF USE ONLY*

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CEQA Environmental Screening for Grading Permits Associated with One Single-Family Residence

### CEQA:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies to all Discretionary Actions undertaken by the County. Discretionary Actions include Grading Permits.

The basic purposes of the CEQA are to:

- 1) Inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
- 2) Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.
- 3) Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes feasible.
- 4) Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

### THE SCREENING PROCESS:

The Screening Process will determine whether or not a project meets the requirements for an Exemption under CEQA and will be completed within 3-business days. The screening criteria used to make this determination include, whether or not the project:

- is located **1 mile from a State Scenic Highway**
- is located within the **Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)**
- is located outside of the MSCP with Coastal Sage Scrub onsite, requiring a **Habitat Loss Permit**
- will directly or indirectly impact **Wetlands (including Vernal Pools)** as identified through the County's Geographic Information System
- is located within a **United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Designated Critical Habitat Area** for the following species: Tidewater Goby, San Diego Fairy Shrimp, California Gnatcatcher, Peninsular Big Horn Sheep, Least Bells Vireo, Red Legged Frog, Quino Checkerspot Butterfly, and the Otay Tar Plant
- is located within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of an **Alquist Priolo Fault Zone**
- contains Historic or Pre-historic Resources (Source – SCIC)
- will involve the demolition or modification of a **structure(s) greater than 50 years in age**
- will disturb a known **archaeological resource** such as rock art, grinding and milling features, or artifacts
- is located on a **Hazardous Waste Site** included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

If **all** of the above criteria **DOES NOT** apply to the project **and** the Department of Public Works (DPW) determines that a Planning and Environmental Review Board (PERB) Hearing is not required, the DPW Grading Counter may prepare a CEQA Notice of Exemption and the appropriate Environmental Findings and proceed with processing the permit.

If **one or more** of the above criteria **DOES** apply to the project, the DPW Grading Counter will forward the application to the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU)-Resource Planning Division for further review. Staff will determine:

- if the project qualifies for a MSCP Certificate of Inclusion
- if the project qualifies for MSCP Findings for Take Authorized Areas
- ❖ if the project requires complete MSCP Findings
- ❖ if the project requires a Habitat Loss Permit
- ❖ if the project will impact a Wetland (including Vernal Pools)
- ❖ if the project will impact a Floodway/Floodplain
- ❖ if the project is located within 1 mile of a State Scenic Highway and may constitute a potential adverse visual effect
- ❖ if the project is located on a Hazardous Waste Site
- ❖ if the project will involve the demolition of structures greater than 50 years old
- ❖ if the project will disturb an archaeological resource
  - ❖ *Requires a full Environmental Review (with the exception of those projects which were adequately covered by a previous CEQA document)*

If it is found that the project **will not** require a full environmental review and/or a PERB Hearing, Resource Planning Staff will prepare all necessary CEQA documents and forward them to the appropriate DPW Project Manager to allow the permit process to proceed.

**REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD, § 87.107 of the County Grading Ordinance:**

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- (a) A County board, commission or officer having final authority for project approval has adopted an environmental impact report which considered the proposed grading or has determined that the project, which included the proposed grading, would not have a significant effect upon the environment; or
- (b) The proposed grading is on land which at no point has a slope steeper than 10 percent; or the average cut in the cut area does not exceed 3 feet, and the average fill in the fill area does not exceed 3 feet, and there is no cut in excess of 15 feet, and there is no fill in excess of 15 feet (for purposes of the 15 foot requirement, the cut or fill measurement must be taken vertically at the deepest point of the cut or fill to the natural ground surface); or
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- (d) The proposed grading is pursuant to a tentative map of subdivision which has been approved or conditionally approved on or before April 4, 1973.
- (e) The proposed grading is pursuant to a major use permit or site plan and the grading substantially conforms to a grading plan which bears identification as having been considered as a basis for approval of that major use permit or site plan pursuant to Section 7153 or Section 7354 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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#### **FULL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW / PERB Hearing:**

For those few projects that require a full environmental review and/or a PERB Hearing, Resource Planning staff will prepare a letter notifying the applicant of the determination. The letter will list the issues that require the full environmental review and/or a PERB Hearing. The letter will request the applicant to submit an Application for an Environmental Initial Study (AEIS) along with an intake deposit of \$2200 to initiate a full environmental review and/or prepare for a PERB Hearing. The letter may also list alternatives to the project design that may greatly reduce the potential environmental impact to one that is less than significant. If the project is redesigned and found to have no significant impacts, it will nullify the need for the full environmental review.

Once an AEIS and the intake deposit have been submitted, an Environmental Analyst will conduct a site visit, scope the potential environmental impacts of the project, and begin the Initial Study. Once the Initial Study is completed, the Analyst will determine whether the identified impacts are "significant". Based on the Initial Study's findings of "significance", the Analyst will prepare one of the following environmental review documents:

- a. Negative Declaration if it is found that there are no "significant" impacts;
- b. Mitigated Negative Declaration if it is found that there are "significant" impacts but the project is revised to avoid or mitigate those significant impacts;
- c. Environmental Impact Report (EIR) if it is found that there are "significant" impacts.

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#### **FEES:**

There are **NO** additional costs for the CEQA Screening process **unless** it is determined that a full environmental review is needed.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GRADING PERMITS ASSOCIATED WITH ONE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One

- YES NO Is your project located on a hazardous waste site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code? *Please consult the San Diego County List of Hazardous and/or Substance Sites available at the DPW.*
- YES NO Will your project involve the demolition or modification of a structure(s) greater than 50 years in age? (If yes, please supply picture(s) of structure.)
- YES NO Will your project disturb an archaeological resource such as rock art, grinding and milling features, or artifacts.
- YES NO Is referral to the Planning and Environmental Review Board (PERB) required, per § 87.107 of the County Grading Ordinance? **(This question must be answered, signed, and stamped from a California Registered Engineer. Please note that the Director of Public Works will have the final decision as to the determination of whether or not PERB referral is required.)**

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- (c) Scenic Corridor Zones or other areas officially designated by Federal, State or local governments as scenic areas
- (d) areas of severe geologic hazard

YES    NO    Has your project undergone previous environmental review as part of a previous Subdivision or Use permit? If yes, please supply the associated project name and permit numbers below:

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I hereby certify the above answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This form should be completed at the time of submittal.